

TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR
EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

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Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, and members of the Commerce Committee, I am Eben Salter of 755 Long Cove Road in Gales Ferry, CT., and I am here to testify in support of HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

I am a biologist with 22 years experience in pharmaceutical research. I have expertise in molecular biology, pharmacology and rodent surgery. After being separated from Pfizer, I was forced to take a position at Electric Boat as an outside electrician because I couldn't find employment in my field that included benefits. What scientific positions that are available such as many Jackson Lab positions, are at least 50 miles away and too low paying to justify the travel expenses. It is my opinion that unless immediate action is taken, southeastern Connecticut will lose its scientific work force to other areas of the country and the world. Once the scientists leave, it will be virtually impossible to restore the area to the scientific powerhouse it once was and should be.

For these reasons, I strongly support HB 5460, HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

With respect,

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